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| PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: | BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE |
| MEETING DATE AND TIME: | Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. |
| PLACE: | Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room A Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19904 |
| MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: | December 15, 2016 |

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Brian McAllister, DMD, Professional Member, President
Dr. Thomas A. Mercer, DDS, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Lucinda Bunting, DMD, Professional Member
Dr. Sharon Welsh, DDS, Professional Member
Dr. Bruce Matthews, DDS, Professional Member
Carol Argo, RDH, Professional Hygiene Member
Buffy Parker, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
June Ewing, Public Member
Rozi Berberian, Public Member
Nathaniel Gibbs, Public Member (arrived at 3:10 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Trinkle, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Witte, Administrative Specialist II
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

Grace Liu, DDS
Mirette Khalil

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. McAllister called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Argo, seconded by Dr. Bunting, to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rules and Regulations Public Hearing – 3:00 p.m.

The hearing went on record at 3:07 p.m. The Board members were introduced. Ms. Singh stated that the reason for today's public hearing is that the Board proposes to re-propose revisions to its regulations. Proposed amendments to section 4.0 and subsection 4.1 seek to clarify that the statutory requirement set forth at 24 Del. C. §1122(a)(1) requiring dental candidates to have "received degree in dentistry from an accredited dental college or university accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association" may obtain such a degree through either a pre-doctoral dental education program or a post-doctoral dental program of at least 24 months in any specialty that includes a clinical component. The proposed amendments to 12.2.28 seek to clarify that fee-splitting is a basis for discipline of a Delaware dentist or dental hygienist. Ms. Singh entered as Board Exhibits 1 and 2 the affidavits of publication for the Delaware State News and the News Journal. There were no written comments received. There were no public comments. Ms. Singh stated that the period for public comment would remain open for an additional 15 days and the Board will deliberate at its next scheduled meeting. The hearing concluded and went off record at 3:13 p.m.

Discussion Regarding Potential Regulatory Revisions Pertaining to HB 69

A motion was made by Dr. Mercer, seconded by Ms. Ewing, to table this discussion until the December 15, 2016 meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Discussion and Vote on Proposed Regulations Regarding Inactive Status Pursuant to Law Change

Dr. McAllister stated that the Board will move this agenda item to the December 15, 2016 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of FQHC Applications

A motion was made by Dr. Bunting, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to approve the ratified FQHC applications of Phyllis Columbaro and Madhavi Karnam. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Dental Hygienist Applications

A motion was made by Dr. Bunting, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to approve the ratified dental hygienist applications of Vera Kohut, Alexandra Fleming, Pamela Jaccino, Caitlin Leahy, Mary Lackey and Melissa Ryle. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Dental Applications

A motion was made by Dr. Bunting, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to approve the ratified dental applications of Juheon Seung and Lynn Fee. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Academic Dental Applications

A motion was made by Dr. Bunting, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to approve the ratified academic dental application of Nadarajah Ganeshkumar. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Restricted II Permit Applications

A motion was made by Dr. Bunting, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to approve the ratified restricted II permit applications of Patricia Rist and Suzanne George. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Restricted I Applications

A motion was made by Dr. Bunting, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to approve the ratified restricted I permit applications of Glen Goleburn. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Unrestricted Permit Applications

A motion was made by Dr. Bunting, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to approve the ratified unrestricted permit applications of Etern Park and Barry Boyd. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Bunting, to approve "Local Dental Insurance Coverage, Changes and Updates" through the National Provider Compliance Corporation for the 4 hours requested. The motion was unanimously carried.

Informal Hearing Requests

Exam Candidate #D5

The four examiners walked exam candidate #D5 through the results of dental exam taken in May 2016 via phone.

Exam Candidate #D9

Exam Candidate #D9 came before the Board during the August 18, 2016 meeting where the four examiners went over the results of dental exam taken in May 2016. The candidate attended this meeting to give some of the background reasons for wanting to become a licensed dentist in Delaware. Her current employer was in attendance and gave additional information on the candidates' work ethic. The Board advised where the candidate fell short on overall points on the exam and made suggestions for patient selection. The Board encouraged the candidate to re-take the exam in January 2017.

Review and Consider Recommendations of the Chief Hearing Officer

Ivy Edwards – #G2-0001081

After review and deliberation, a motion was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Dr. Welsh, to accept the recommendation of the Chief Hearing Officer as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Tracey Alvarez - #G2-0002585

After review and deliberation, a motion was made by Ms. Parker, seconded by Ms. Ewing, to accept the recommendation of the Chief Hearing Officer as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Marta Blackhurst - #G1-0001601

After review and deliberation, a motion was made by Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. Welsh, to deny the recommendation of the Chief Hearing Officer and impose no disciplinary actions. The motion was unanimously carried.

Elections

A motion was made by Dr. Bunting, seconded by Dr. Welsh, to nominate Dr. Mercer for Board President. The motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Bunting, seconded by Dr. Welsh, to nominate Dr. McAllister for Board Secretary. The motion unanimously carried.

June 2017 Examination Dates

The Board discussed the upcoming dental exam dates in 2017. The January exam is scheduled for the 5th and 6th with inclement weather dates of the 12th and 13th. The May dental hygiene exam is scheduled for the 19th. The June exam is scheduled for the 1st and 2nd. The Board requested that the June meeting date be moved from the 15th to the 8th.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received additional correspondence from a dental hygienist licensee who is currently lapsed and must reapply for licensure. Per the statute, the Board may grant her a waiver from taking the examination a second time. She is seeking Board approval to take an online Dental Hygiene course as well as a clinical program in New Jersey in lieu of the examination. The Board reviewed a letter sent by the licensee outlining her educational and employment background. At its meeting in August, the Board requested that they receive a copy of the syllabus for the entire program with the length of the clinical portion including hours to be reviewed for a decision at today's meeting. In the correspondence, the licensee stated that she was advised that only Rutgers University has the authority to release the refresher course syllabus, and she has not been able to obtain a copy from them. After a brief discussion, the Board stated that they cannot grant a waiver of the examination without first reviewing the syllabus.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be December 15, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Ewing, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Witte

Administrative Specialist II